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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING)
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AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: